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# S. 2257

To amend the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 to reauthorize economic development programs, and for other purposes.

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Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. DURENBERGER, Mr. MITCHELL, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. MATHEWS, Mr. COHEN, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. DORGAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the  
5 “Economic Development Reauthorization Act of 1994”.

6 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for  
7 this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
- Sec. 2. Direct and supplementary grants.
- Sec. 3. Grants for public works facilities.

- Sec. 4. Repeal of financial assistance for sewer facilities.
- Sec. 5. Relationship of overall economic development plan to public works and development facility loans.
- Sec. 6. Elimination of overall economic development program.
- Sec. 7. Redevelopment area loan program.
- Sec. 8. Technical assistance, research, and information.
- Sec. 9. Business outreach center demonstration project.
- Sec. 10. Office of Strategic Economic Development Planning and Policy.
- Sec. 11. Authorization of appropriations for technical assistance, research, and information.
- Sec. 12. Redevelopment areas.
- Sec. 13. Annual review.
- Sec. 14. Economic development districts.
- Sec. 15. Applications for assistance.
- Sec. 16. Performance evaluations of grant recipients.
- Sec. 17. Transfer of funds.
- Sec. 18. Extension of benefits.
- Sec. 19. Supervision of Regional Counsels.
- Sec. 20. Purpose.
- Sec. 21. Base closings and realignments.
- Sec. 22. Outreach to communities adversely affected by closures and realignments of military installations.
- Sec. 23. Treatment of revolving loan funds.
- Sec. 24. Sale of financial instruments in revolving loan funds.
- Sec. 25. Special economic development and adjustment assistance.
- Sec. 26. Compliance with Buy American Act.

**1 SEC. 2. DIRECT AND SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS.**

2 (a) DIRECT GRANTS.—Section 101(a)(1) of the Pub-  
 3 lic Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 (42  
 4 U.S.C. 3131(a)(1)) is amended—

5 (1) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A),  
 6 by striking “acquisition, construction” and inserting  
 7 “acquisition, design, engineering, construction”;

8 (2) by striking subparagraph (C) and inserting  
 9 the following new subparagraph:

10 “(C) the area for which the project is to be  
 11 undertaken has an approved overall economic  
 12 development plan as provided in section 402

1 and such project is consistent with such plan;  
 2 and”; and

3 (3) in subparagraph (D)—

4 (A) by striking “so designated under sec-  
 5 tion 401(a)(6),” and inserting “described in  
 6 section 401(a)(7),”; and

7 (B) by striking “area.” and inserting  
 8 “area; and”.

9 (b) CONSIDERATIONS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY  
 10 GRANTS.—Section 101(c) of such Act is amended—

11 (1) in the second and third sentences, by strik-  
 12 ing “designated as such under section 401(a)(6) of  
 13 this Act.” and inserting “described in section  
 14 401(a)(7).”; and

15 (2) in the last sentence—

16 (A) by striking “the area, the” and insert-  
 17 ing “the area and the”; and

18 (B) by striking “, and the amount of such”  
 19 and all that follows and inserting a period.

20 **SEC. 3. GRANTS FOR PUBLIC WORKS FACILITIES.**

21 Section 105 of the Public Works and Economic De-  
 22 velopment Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3135) is amended to  
 23 read as follows:

1 **“SEC. 105. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 “There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out  
3 this title \$175,000,000 for each of fiscal years 1995  
4 through 1997. Such sums shall remain available until ex-  
5 pended. Not less than 15 percent and not more than 35  
6 percent of the amounts appropriated for any of fiscal years  
7 1995 through 1997 under this section shall be expended  
8 in redevelopment areas described in section 401(a)(7).”.

9 **SEC. 4. REPEAL OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR SEWER**  
10 **FACILITIES.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title I of the Public Works and  
12 Economic Development Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3131–  
13 3137) is amended—

14 (1) by repealing section 106;

15 (2) by redesignating section 107 as section 104;

16 and

17 (3) by moving such section 104 to appear after  
18 section 103.

19 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 211(b)(3)  
20 of the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965 (40  
21 U.S.C. App. 211(b)(3)) is amended in the last sentence  
22 by striking “Notwithstanding” and all that follows  
23 through “education-related” and inserting “An education-  
24 related”.

1 **SEC. 5. RELATIONSHIP OF OVERALL ECONOMIC DEVELOP-**  
2 **MENT PLAN TO PUBLIC WORKS AND DEVEL-**  
3 **OPMENT FACILITY LOANS.**

4 Section 201(a) of the Public Works and Economic  
5 Development Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3141(a)) is amended  
6 by striking paragraph (5) and inserting the following new  
7 paragraph:

8 “(5) such area has an approved overall eco-  
9 nomic development plan as provided in section 402  
10 and the project for which financial assistance is  
11 sought is consistent with such plan.”.

12 **SEC. 6. ELIMINATION OF OVERALL ECONOMIC DEVELOP-**  
13 **MENT PROGRAM.**

14 Section 202(b) of the Public Works and Economic  
15 Development Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3142(b)) is amend-  
16 ed—

17 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “Such finan-  
18 cial assistance shall not be extended” and inserting  
19 “The applicant for such financial assistance shall in-  
20 clude, in the application of the applicant for such as-  
21 sistance, an assurance that the assistance will not be  
22 used”; and

23 (2) in paragraph (10), by striking “there shall  
24 be submitted to and approval of the Secretary an  
25 overall program for the economic development of the  
26 area and” and inserting “the applicant shall submit

1 to the Secretary under section 402, and obtain ap-  
2 proval of, an overall economic development plan and  
3 there is”.

4 **SEC. 7. REDEVELOPMENT AREA LOAN PROGRAM.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 204(a) of the Public  
6 Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 (42  
7 U.S.C. 3144(a)) is amended by striking the last two sen-  
8 tences.

9 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

10 (1) Section 2 of the Act entitled “An Act to  
11 amend the Public Works and Economic Development  
12 Act of 1965 to extend the authorizations for title I  
13 through IV through fiscal year 1971”, approved  
14 July 6, 1970 (42 U.S.C. 3162 note) is repealed.

15 (2) Section 6 of the Act entitled “An Act to  
16 amend the Public Works and Economic Development  
17 Act of 1965 to extend the authorizations for a one-  
18 year period”, approved June 18, 1973 (42 U.S.C.  
19 3162 note) is amended—

20 (A) in subsection (a), by striking “(a)”;  
21 and

22 (B) by striking subsection (b).

1 **SEC. 8. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, RESEARCH, AND INFOR-**  
2 **MATION.**

3 Section 301(a)(1) of the Public Works and Economic  
4 Development Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3151(a)(1)) is  
5 amended by striking “areas which he has designated as  
6 redevelopment areas under this Act,” and inserting “rede-  
7 velopment areas,”.

8 **SEC. 9. BUSINESS OUTREACH CENTER DEMONSTRATION**  
9 **PROJECT.**

10 Section 303 of the Public Works and Economic De-  
11 velopment Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3152) is amended to  
12 read as follows:

13 **“SEC. 303. BUSINESS OUTREACH CENTER DEMONSTRATION**  
14 **PROJECT.**

15 “(a) DEFINITION.—As used in this section, the term  
16 ‘isolated small business’ means a small business that is  
17 unable to effectively access small business services pro-  
18 vided by a Federal, State, or local government due to lin-  
19 guistic, cultural, or geographic barriers, as determined by  
20 the Secretary.

21 “(b) DEMONSTRATION PROJECT.—Using funds made  
22 available under this title, the Secretary shall conduct a  
23 demonstration project in each of fiscal years 1994 through  
24 1996 for the purpose of demonstrating methods of assist-  
25 ing isolated small businesses to access small business serv-  
26 ices provided by Federal, State, and local governments.

1       “(c) ESTABLISHMENT OF CENTERS.—In conducting  
2 the demonstration project under this section, the Sec-  
3 retary shall establish 3 business outreach centers. At least  
4 1 of the centers shall be located in a rural area.

5       “(d) DUTIES OF CENTERS.—Each business outreach  
6 center established under this section shall—

7           “(1) provide a one-stop clearinghouse to assist  
8 isolated small businesses in accessing small business  
9 services provided by Federal, State, and local gov-  
10 ernments; and

11          “(2) improve efficiency in the delivery of such  
12 services.

13       “(e) SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED.—Each business  
14 outreach center established under this section shall pro-  
15 vide each of the following services:

16           “(1) Outreach to isolated small businesses.

17           “(2) Assessment of the need of isolated small  
18 businesses for assistance services.

19           “(3) Referral of isolated small businesses to  
20 small business assistance agencies.

21           “(4) Preparation of materials required by iso-  
22 lated small businesses for participation in small  
23 business assistance programs.

24           “(5) Case management to ensure follow-up and  
25 quality control of business services.



1           “(6) Coordination of networking among isolated  
2           small businesses.

3           “(7) Quality control of small business assist-  
4           ance services.”.

5   **SEC. 10. OFFICE OF STRATEGIC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**  
6                           **PLANNING AND POLICY.**

7           Title III of the Public Works and Economic Develop-  
8           ment Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3151–3153) is amended by  
9           adding at the end the following new section:

10   **“SEC. 305. OFFICE OF STRATEGIC ECONOMIC DEVELOP-**  
11                           **MENT PLANNING AND POLICY.**

12           “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall estab-  
13           lish in the Economic Development Administration an Of-  
14           fice of Strategic Economic Development Planning and Pol-  
15           icy (referred to in this section as the ‘Office’).

16           “(b) DIRECTOR.—The Office shall be headed by a Di-  
17           rector, who shall be appointed by the Secretary and who  
18           shall report to the Assistant Secretary for Economic De-  
19           velopment.

20           “(c) DUTIES.—The duties of the Director are as fol-  
21           lows:

22                   “(1) RESEARCH, EVALUATION, AND DEM-  
23           ONSTRATION PROJECTS.—The Director shall support  
24           research, evaluation, and demonstration projects to  
25           study and assess best practices in economic develop-

1       ment and to examine trends and changes in eco-  
2       nomic conditions that affect regional development.  
3       The Director shall conduct a study of innovative eco-  
4       nomic development financing tools that may be em-  
5       ployed to further economic development of States,  
6       regions, and localities.

7               “(2) POLICY DEVELOPMENT.—The Director  
8       shall develop and submit to the Secretary rec-  
9       ommendations on both short- and long-term policies  
10      regarding economic development issues and pro-  
11      grams, to help foster the diffusion of innovative, best  
12      practices in economic development throughout the  
13      Department of Commerce.

14      “(d) FEDERAL COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR ECO-  
15      NOMIC DEVELOPMENT.—

16              “(1) IN GENERAL.—There is established a Fed-  
17      eral Coordinating Council for Economic Develop-  
18      ment (referred to in this subsection as the ‘Coun-  
19      cil’).

20              “(2) COMPOSITION OF THE COUNCIL.—

21              “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Council shall be  
22      composed of representatives from Federal agen-  
23      cies, appointed by the heads of the agencies, in-  
24      volved in matters that affect regional economic  
25      development. The Secretary shall determine the

1 Federal agencies that are involved in matters  
2 that affect regional economic development.

3 “(B) VACANCIES.—Any vacancy in the  
4 Council shall not affect the powers of the Coun-  
5 cil, but shall be filled in the same manner as  
6 the original appointment.

7 “(3) DUTIES.—The Council shall assist the  
8 Secretary in providing a unifying framework for eco-  
9 nomic development efforts and shall develop a gov-  
10 ernmentwide strategic plan for economic develop-  
11 ment. The Council shall work to improve coordina-  
12 tion of Federal economic development efforts to  
13 eliminate duplication and to direct Federal resources  
14 to improve economic conditions.

15 “(4) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—The members of the  
16 Council shall not receive compensation for service on  
17 the Council but shall be allowed travel expenses, in-  
18 cluding per diem in lieu of subsistence, at rates au-  
19 thorized for employees of agencies under subchapter  
20 I of chapter 57 of title 5, United States Code, while  
21 away from the homes or regular places of business  
22 of the members in the performance of services for  
23 the Council.

24 “(5) FACILITIES, SUPPLIES, AND PERSON-  
25 NEL.—

1           “(A) IN GENERAL.—Upon the request of  
2           the Council, the Secretary shall provide to the  
3           Council any facilities, supplies, and personnel  
4           necessary for the Council to carry out the re-  
5           sponsibilities of the Council under this sub-  
6           section.

7           “(B) DETAILS.—In the case of a detail of  
8           a Federal Government employee under para-  
9           graph (1), the employee may be detailed to the  
10          Council without reimbursement. The detail shall  
11          be without interruption or loss of civil service  
12          status or privilege.

13          “(6) HEARINGS.—The Council may hold such  
14          hearings, sit and act at such times and places, take  
15          such testimony, and receive such evidence as the  
16          Council considers advisable to carry out this sub-  
17          section.

18          “(7) INFORMATION FROM FEDERAL AGEN-  
19          CIES.—The Council may secure directly from any  
20          Federal department or agency such information as  
21          the Council considers necessary to carry out this  
22          subsection. Upon request of the Council, the head of  
23          such department or agency shall furnish such infor-  
24          mation to the Council.

1           “(8) POSTAL SERVICES.—The Council may use  
2           the United States mails in the same manner and  
3           under the same conditions as other departments and  
4           agencies of the Federal Government.

5           “(9) TERMINATION.—The Council shall termi-  
6           nate 1 year after the date of the establishment of  
7           the Council.”.

8   **SEC. 11. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR TECH-**  
9                           **NICAL ASSISTANCE, RESEARCH, AND INFOR-**  
10                          **MATION.**

11          Title III of the Public Works and Economic Develop-  
12          ment Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3151–3153) (as amended  
13          by section 10) is further amended by adding at the end  
14          the following new section:

15   **“SEC. 306. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

16          “There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out  
17          this title \$50,000,000 for each of fiscal years 1995  
18          through 1997. Such sums shall remain available until ex-  
19          pended.”.

20   **SEC. 12. REDEVELOPMENT AREAS.**

21          Section 401 of the Public Works and Economic De-  
22          velopment Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3161) is amended to  
23          read as follows:

1   **“SEC. 401. AREA ELIGIBILITY.**

2           “(a) CERTIFICATION.—An applicant seeking assist-  
3   ance under this Act to undertake a project for an area  
4   shall certify, as part of an application for such assistance,  
5   that the area on the date of submission of such application  
6   meets 1 or more of the following criteria:

7           “(1) The per capita income of the area is  
8       80 percent or less of the per capita income of the  
9       United States.

10          “(2) The average rate of unemployment in the  
11       area (seasonally adjusted), as determined by the  
12       Secretary of Labor for the most recent 24-month pe-  
13       riod for which statistics are available, minus the na-  
14       tional average rate of unemployment (seasonally ad-  
15       justed), as so determined, is equal to or exceeds 1  
16       percent.

17          “(3) The average rate of unemployment in the  
18       area (seasonally adjusted), as determined by the  
19       Secretary of Labor for the most recent 12-month pe-  
20       riod for which statistics are available, minus the na-  
21       tional average rate of unemployment (seasonally ad-  
22       justed), as so determined, is equal to or exceeds 2  
23       percent.

24          “(4) The area has experienced or is about to  
25       experience a sudden economic dislocation resulting  
26       in job loss that is significant both in terms of the

1 number of jobs eliminated and the effect on the rate  
2 of unemployment in the area (if information on such  
3 rate is available), as such rate is determined by the  
4 Secretary of Labor.

5 “(5) The population growth rate of the United  
6 States, as determined by the Secretary of Commerce  
7 for an appropriate period, minus the population  
8 growth rate of the area, as so determined, is equal  
9 to or exceeds 3 percent.

10 “(6) The area has experienced a decline in total  
11 employment that is equal to or exceeds 2 percent  
12 over the most recent 5-year period for which statis-  
13 tics are available, as such employment is determined  
14 by the Secretary of Labor, acting through the Com-  
15 missioner of Labor Statistics.

16 “(7) The area is a community or neighborhood  
17 (defined without regard to political or other subdivi-  
18 sions or boundaries) that the Secretary determines  
19 has 1 or more of the following conditions:

20 “(A) A large concentration of low-income  
21 persons.

22 “(B) A rural area having substantial out-  
23 migration or substantial economic deterioration  
24 and unemployment.

25 “(C) Substantial unemployment.

1 “(b) DOCUMENTATION.—

2 “(1) DATA AND STATISTICS.—A certification  
3 made under subsection (a) shall be supported by  
4 Federal data, if available, and in other cases by data  
5 available through the appropriate State government.  
6 The applicant shall use the most recent statistics  
7 available to support the certification.

8 “(2) ACCEPTANCE OF DATA.—The Secretary  
9 shall accept the data unless the Secretary deter-  
10 mines that the data are inaccurate.

11 “(c) SPECIAL RULE.—With respect to a redevelop-  
12 ment area described in subsection (a)(7)—

13 “(1) the project to be carried out in the area  
14 shall not be subject to section 101(a)(1)(A);

15 “(2) the area shall not be subject to section  
16 101(a)(1)(C); and

17 “(3) the area shall not be considered to be a re-  
18 development area for purposes of section  
19 403(a)(1)(B).

20 “(d) PRIOR DESIGNATION.—Any designation of a re-  
21 development area for the purposes of this Act that was  
22 made before the date of enactment of the Economic Devel-  
23 opment Reauthorization Act of 1994 shall not be effective  
24 after such date.



1       “(e) DEFINITION.—As used in this Act, the term ‘re-  
2 development area’ means an area that is the subject of  
3 a certification that is—

4               “(1) described in subsection (a); and

5               “(2) submitted by an applicant as part of an  
6 application for assistance—

7                       “(A) that is described in subsection (a);

8                       and

9                       “(B) for which the applicant obtains the  
10 approval of the Secretary.”.

11 **SEC. 13. ANNUAL REVIEW.**

12       (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 402 of the Public Works  
13 and Economic Development Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3162)  
14 is amended to read as follows:

15 **“SEC. 402. OVERALL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND**  
16 **INVESTMENT STRATEGY.**

17       “(a) OVERALL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND  
18 INVESTMENT STRATEGY.—The Secretary may provide as-  
19 sistance under this Act to an applicant for a project to  
20 be undertaken in an area only if the applicant has pre-  
21 pared and submitted to the Secretary, and obtained ap-  
22 proval of, an overall economic development plan or an in-  
23 vestment strategy. Such an overall economic development  
24 plan or investment strategy shall—

1           “(1) identify the economic development prob-  
2           lems to be addressed using such assistance;

3           “(2) identify past, present, and projected fur-  
4           ther economic development investments in such area  
5           and public and private participants and sources of  
6           funding for such investments; and

7           “(3) set forth a strategy for addressing the eco-  
8           nomic development problems identified pursuant to  
9           paragraph (1) and describe how the strategy will  
10          solve such problems.

11          “(b) APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS.—In submitting  
12          an application for assistance under title I or II, an appli-  
13          cant shall describe how the proposed project implements  
14          the plan or strategy, provide estimates of costs and time-  
15          tables for completion for the project, and provide a sum-  
16          mary of public and private resources expected to be avail-  
17          able for the project.

18          “(c) EXISTING PLANS AND INVESTMENT STRATE-  
19          GIES.—To the maximum extent practicable, the Secretary  
20          shall approve under subsection (a) overall economic devel-  
21          opment plans, and overall economic development pro-  
22          grams, that were approved by the Secretary under this  
23          Act before the date of enactment of the Economic Devel-  
24          opment Reauthorization Act of 1994 and that substan-  
25          tially meet the requirements of this section.

1 “(d) DEFINITION.—As used in this Act, the term  
2 ‘economic development plan’ includes—

3 “(1) a plan or program described in subsection  
4 (c) and submitted for approval under subsection (a);  
5 and

6 “(2) an investment strategy submitted for ap-  
7 proval under subsection (a) in lieu of such a plan.”.

8 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

9 (1) TRADE ACT OF 1974.—Section 273(c)(2) of  
10 the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2373(c)(2)) is  
11 amended—

12 (A) by striking “overall economic develop-  
13 ment program” and inserting “overall economic  
14 development plan or investment strategy”; and

15 (B) by striking “section 202(b)(10)” and  
16 inserting “section 402”.

17 (2) COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACT  
18 OF 1981.—Section 626(b)(1) of the Community Eco-  
19 nomic Development Act of 1981 (42 U.S.C.  
20 9815(b)(1)) is amended—

21 (A) by striking “Publc” and inserting  
22 “Public”;

23 (B) by striking “overall economic develop-  
24 ment program” and inserting “overall economic  
25 development plan or investment strategy”; and

1 (C) by striking “section 202(b)(10)” and  
 2 inserting “section 402”.

3 **SEC. 14. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS.**

4 (a) RELATIONSHIP TO OVERALL ECONOMIC DEVEL-  
 5 OPMENT PLANS.—Section 403 of the Public Works and  
 6 Economic Development Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3171) is  
 7 amended—

8 (1) in subsections (a)(1)(C), (a)(1)(D),  
 9 (a)(2)(A), (a)(3)(A), (a)(4)(B), (e), and (i) by strik-  
 10 ing “overall economic development program” and in-  
 11 serting “overall economic development plan”;

12 (2) in subsection (a)(1)(D), by striking “pro-  
 13 gram” the second place the term appears and insert-  
 14 ing “plan”; and

15 (3) in subsections (b) and (b)(2)(B), by striking  
 16 “overall economic development programs” and in-  
 17 serting “overall economic development plans”.

18 (b) RELATIONSHIP TO REDEVELOPMENT AREA.—  
 19 Section 403(a)(4) of such Act is amended by striking  
 20 “(designated under section 401)”.

21 (c) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DE-  
 22 FINED.—Section 403(d) of such Act is amended by adding  
 23 at the end the following new sentence: “Such term in-  
 24 cludes any economic development district designated by  
 25 the Secretary under this section before the date of enact-

1 ment of the Economic Development Reauthorization Act  
 2 of 1994, unless the Secretary terminates the designa-  
 3 tion.”.

4 (d) FUNDING.—Section 403 of such Act is amend-  
 5 ed—

6 (1) by striking subsection (g) and inserting the  
 7 following new subsection:

8 “(g) Amounts authorized to be appropriated under  
 9 other sections of this Act shall be available for purposes  
 10 of carrying out paragraphs (3) and (4) of subsection (a).”;

11 (2) by striking subsection (h); and

12 (3) by redesignating subsections (i) and (j) as  
 13 subsections (h) and (i), respectively.

14 **SEC. 15. APPLICATIONS FOR ASSISTANCE.**

15 (a) EXPEDITED PROCESSING.—Title VI of the Public  
 16 Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 (42  
 17 U.S.C. 3201–3204) is amended by adding at the end the  
 18 following new section:

19 **“SEC. 605. EXPEDITED PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS.**

20 “(a) GUIDELINES.—Not later than 60 days after the  
 21 date of enactment of this section, the Assistant Secretary  
 22 for Economic Development shall—

23 “(1) develop and publish in the Federal Reg-  
 24 ister guidelines that establish procedures to expedite

1 the processing of applications for assistance under  
2 this Act; and

3 “(2) transmit to the Committee on Public  
4 Works and Transportation of the House of Rep-  
5 resentatives and the Committee on Environment and  
6 Public Works of the Senate a report containing such  
7 guidelines.

8 “(b) CONTENTS.—Guidelines to be developed and  
9 published under subsection (a) shall, at a minimum, pro-  
10 vide for—

11 “(1) increased reliance on self-certification by  
12 applicants for such assistance to establish compli-  
13 ance with other Federal laws;

14 “(2) greater use of uniform application forms  
15 and procedures;

16 “(3) delegation of decisionmaking authority to  
17 regional offices of the Economic Development Ad-  
18 ministration; and

19 “(4) reduction in the time and number of re-  
20 views conducted by offices of the Department of  
21 Commerce other than the Economic Development  
22 Administration.”.

23 (b) UNIFORM APPLICATION FORM.—Title VI of such  
24 Act (as amended by subsection (a)) is further amended  
25 by adding at the end the following new section:

1 **“SEC. 606. UNIFORM APPLICATION FORM.**

2       “(a) DEVELOPMENT.—The Secretary shall, in co-  
3 operation with the heads of appropriate Federal depart-  
4 ments and agencies, develop a general, simplified applica-  
5 tion form for grant assistance under this Act that may  
6 be used by all Federal departments and agencies that pro-  
7 vide grant assistance.

8       “(b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the  
9 date of enactment of this section, the Secretary shall  
10 transmit to Congress a report on use of the form devel-  
11 oped pursuant to subsection (a) by Federal departments  
12 and agencies.”.

13 **SEC. 16. PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS OF GRANT RECIPI-**  
14 **ENTS.**

15       Title VI of the Public Works and Economic Develop-  
16 ment Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3201–3204) (as amended  
17 by subsections (a) and (b) of section 15) is further amend-  
18 ed by adding at the end the following new section:

19 **“SEC. 607. PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS OF GRANT RE-**  
20 **CIPIENTS.**

21       “(a) IN GENERAL.—At least once every 2 years, the  
22 Secretary shall conduct an evaluation of each university  
23 center receiving assistance under title III (referred to in  
24 this section as a ‘university center’) and economic develop-  
25 ment district receiving grant assistance under this Act to

1 assess the performance and contribution toward job cre-  
2 ation of the recipient.

3 “(b) CRITERIA.—

4 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall es-  
5 tablish criteria for use in conducting evaluations  
6 under subsection (a).

7 “(2) CRITERIA FOR UNIVERSITY CENTERS.—  
8 The criteria for evaluation of a university center  
9 shall, at a minimum, provide for an assessment of  
10 the contribution of the center to providing technical  
11 assistance, conducting applied research, and dissemi-  
12 nating results of the activities of the center.

13 “(3) CRITERIA FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
14 DISTRICTS.—The criteria for evaluation of an eco-  
15 nomic development district shall, at a minimum, pro-  
16 vide for an assessment of management standards, fi-  
17 nancial accountability, and program performance.

18 “(c) PEER REVIEW.—In conducting an evaluation of  
19 a university center under subsection (a), the Secretary  
20 shall provide for the participation in the evaluation of at  
21 least 1 other university center on a cost-reimbursement  
22 basis.”.



1 **SEC. 17. TRANSFER OF FUNDS.**

2 Section 708 of the Public Works and Economic De-  
3 velopment Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3218) is amended by  
4 adding at the end the following new subsection:

5 “(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the  
6 Secretary may accept such transfers of funds from other  
7 departments and agencies of the Federal Government as  
8 the Secretary determines to be appropriate and use such  
9 funds to carry out objectives of this Act, if the Secretary  
10 uses the funds to carry out objectives for which (and in  
11 accordance with the terms under which) the funds are spe-  
12 cifically authorized and appropriated. Not more than 5  
13 percent of such funds may be transferred to the account  
14 relating to salaries and expenses of the Economic Develop-  
15 ment Administration.”.

16 **SEC. 18. EXTENSION OF BENEFITS.**

17 Section 715 of the Public Works and Economic De-  
18 velopment Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3225) is amended by  
19 striking “such areas as may be designated as ‘redevelop-  
20 ment areas’ or ‘economic development centers’ under the  
21 authority of section 401 or 403 of this Act:” and inserting  
22 “redevelopment areas and such areas as may be des-  
23 ignated as ‘economic development centers’ under section  
24 403:”.

1 **SEC. 19. SUPERVISION OF REGIONAL COUNSELS.**

2 Title VII of the Public Works and Economic Develop-  
3 ment Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3211–3226) is amended by  
4 adding at the end the following new section:

5 **“SEC. 717. SUPERVISION OF REGIONAL COUNSELS.**

6 “The Secretary shall take such actions as may be  
7 necessary to ensure that individuals serving as Regional  
8 Counsels of the Economic Development Administration re-  
9 port directly to their respective Regional Directors.”.

10 **SEC. 20. PURPOSE.**

11 The first sentence of section 901 of the Public Works  
12 and Economic Development Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3241)  
13 is amended by striking “It is the purpose of this title”  
14 and inserting “The purposes of title I and of this title  
15 are”.

16 **SEC. 21. BASE CLOSINGS AND REALIGNMENTS.**

17 Section 903 of the Public Works and Economic De-  
18 velopment Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3243) is amended by  
19 adding at the end the following new subsection:

20 “(e)(1) In any case in which the Secretary determines  
21 that a need exists for assistance under subsection (a) due  
22 to the closure or realignment of a military installation, the  
23 Secretary may make such assistance available to an eligi-  
24 ble recipient for a project to be carried out on the military  
25 installation or for a project to be carried out in a commu-  
26 nity adversely affected by the closure or realignment.

1       “(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the  
 2 Secretary may provide to an eligible recipient any assist-  
 3 ance available under this title for a project to be carried  
 4 out on a military installation that is closed or scheduled  
 5 for closure or realignment, without requiring that the eli-  
 6 gible recipient have title to the property on which the in-  
 7 stallation is located, or a leasehold interest in the property,  
 8 for any specified term.”.

9   **SEC. 22. OUTREACH TO COMMUNITIES ADVERSELY AF-**  
 10                   **FFECTED BY CLOSURES AND REALIGNMENTS**  
 11                   **OF MILITARY INSTALLATIONS.**

12       Title IX of the Public Works and Economic Develop-  
 13 ment Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3241–3245) is amended—

14               (1) by redesignating section 905 as section 908;  
 15       and

16               (2) by inserting after section 904 the following  
 17       new section:

18   **“SEC. 905. OUTREACH TO COMMUNITIES ADVERSELY AF-**  
 19                   **FFECTED BY CLOSURES AND REALIGNMENTS**  
 20                   **OF MILITARY INSTALLATIONS.**

21       “(a) DESIGNATION OF AGENCY REPRESENTA-  
 22 TIVES.—The Assistant Secretary for Economic Develop-  
 23 ment shall designate for each State in which communities  
 24 are adversely affected by closures and realignments of  
 25 military installations, an individual to serve as a rep-

1 representative of the Economic Development Administration.  
 2 Such individual may be the State Economic Development  
 3 Agency Representative or another qualified individual.

4 “(b) RESPONSIBILITIES.—Individuals appointed as  
 5 agency representatives under subsection (a) shall provide  
 6 outreach and technical assistance, to communities ad-  
 7 versely affected by closures and realignments of military  
 8 installations, on obtaining assistance from the Economic  
 9 Development Administration.”.

10 **SEC. 23. TREATMENT OF REVOLVING LOAN FUNDS.**

11 Title IX of the Public Works and Economic Develop-  
 12 ment Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3241–3245) (as amended  
 13 by section 22) is further amended by inserting after sec-  
 14 tion 905 the following new section:

15 **“SEC. 906. TREATMENT OF REVOLVING LOAN FUNDS.**

16 “(a) IN GENERAL.—An amount made available  
 17 through a grant made under this title that is used by an  
 18 eligible recipient to establish a revolving loan fund shall  
 19 not be treated, except as provided by subsection (b), as  
 20 an amount derived from Federal funds for the purposes  
 21 of any Federal law after such amount is loaned from the  
 22 fund to a borrower and repaid to the fund.

23 “(b) EXCEPTIONS.—An amount described in sub-  
 24 section (a) that is loaned from a revolving loan fund to  
 25 a borrower and repaid to the fund—

9       “(c) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 30 days after  
10 the date of enactment of this section, the Secretary shall  
11 issue regulations to carry out subsection (a).

19 **SEC. 24. SALE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS IN REVOLVING**  
20 **LOAN FUNDS.**

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1 **“SEC. 907. SALE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS IN REVOLV-**  
 2 **ING LOAN FUNDS.**

3 “Any loan, loan guarantee, or other financial instru-  
 4 ment in the portfolio of a revolving loan fund described  
 5 in section 906 may be sold, at the discretion of the grant  
 6 recipient that established the fund, to a third party. The  
 7 proceeds of the sale—

8 “(1) shall be deposited in the fund and only  
 9 used for projects that are consistent with the pur-  
 10 poses of this title; and

11 “(2) shall be subject to the financial manage-  
 12 ment, accounting, reporting, and auditing standards  
 13 that were originally applicable to the financial in-  
 14 strument on the date on which the financial instru-  
 15 ment was entered into.”.

16 **SEC. 25. SPECIAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ADJUST-**  
 17 **MENT ASSISTANCE.**

18 Section 908 of the Public Works and Economic De-  
 19 velopment Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3245) (as redesignated  
 20 by section 22(1)) is amended to read as follows:

21 **“SEC. 908. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

22 “(a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be ap-  
 23 propriated to carry out this title \$124,800,000 for fiscal  
 24 year 1995 and \$81,000,000 for each of fiscal years 1996  
 25 and 1997. Such sums shall remain available until ex-  
 26 pended.

1       “(b) SET-ASIDE FOR ACTIVITIES RELATED TO CLO-  
 2 SURES AND REALIGNMENTS OF MILITARY INSTALLA-  
 3 TIONS.—Of the amounts appropriated pursuant to sub-  
 4 section (a) for fiscal year 1995, not less than \$80,000,000  
 5 shall be available for purposes of assisting eligible recipi-  
 6 ents in carrying out activities related to closures and  
 7 realignments of military installations.

8       “(c) ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS.—In addition to the ap-  
 9 propriations authorized by subsection (a), there are au-  
 10 thorized to be appropriated to carry out this title such  
 11 sums as may be necessary to provide assistance for activi-  
 12 ties related to closures and realignments of military instal-  
 13 lations and to provide assistance in the case of a natural  
 14 disaster for each of fiscal years 1995, 1996, and 1997.  
 15 Such sums shall remain available until expended.”.

16 **SEC. 26. COMPLIANCE WITH BUY AMERICAN ACT.**

17       None of the funds made available under this title, or  
 18 any amendment made by this title, may be expended to  
 19 acquire articles, materials, or supplies, or to procure serv-  
 20 ices, in violation of the applicable provisions of sections  
 21 2 through 4 of title III of the Act of March 3, 1933 (com-  
 22 monly known as the “Buy American Act”) (41 U.S.C.  
 23 10a–10b–1).

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